

1261 Savoy Street
San Diego, California 92107
May 8, 1973

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Sir:

I take this opportunity to write you because of my own interest in early American paper money. My collection is presently rather modest in many ways, but I hope to increase its extent, quality, and value in the near future. However, I have encountered few other people that share an interest in this specialized field, and so thought that I would contact you.

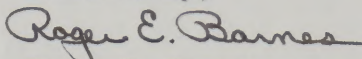
Your 1967 book, The Early Paper Money of America, is of course my bible. I commend you for the excellent work. Do you know of any recent articles or books on the subject? And, can you tell me if there is any form of newsletter or publication that is focused on the early currency?

You might be interested that the William L. Clements Library of the University of Michigan has a small collection of notes, which I inventoried while a student there.

Lastly, if it would not be asking too much, could I have your analysis of one of my notes, of which I attach a photocopy? Can this note legitimately be considered paper money? It is hole-cancelled, is blank on the reverse, and has light creases indicating that it has been folded into quarters. Otherwise, it is in extra fine condition. Any thoughts you might have would be appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your attention.

Yours truly,


Roger E. Barnes

5/-

FOR THE PAYMENT OF

No. 3069 Comptroller's-Office, Nov 24/47 89

I hereby certify that David Townsend

is entitled to receive the Sum of FIVE SHILLINGS

Lawful Money, out of ds appropriated for the

Payment of interest on ed Debt of the State of

Connecticut.

Five shillings

Ralph Pomeroy Compt.

5/-

HARTFORD: PRINTED BY HUDSON AND GOODWIN.

5/-

INTEREST.

ISSUED

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 15, 1973

Mr. Roger E. Barnes
1261 Savoy Street
San Diego, California 92107

Dear Mr. Barnes:

You were very nice to comment graciously about my 1967 book. There has not been much written since then and I am revising that book in due course. There is no news letter or other publication devoted to this material. There are a couple of articles by Don Kagin in The Numismatist.

Why don't you and a couple of your friends start a little news sheet like the Colonial News Letter or, if you care to, you could ask whether the Colonial News Letter could be expanded to cover paper money if you would submit material for publication in it.

As to the Connecticut's Comptroller's Office certificate which you asked me about, I do not consider these money and, therefore, did not include them. There are many items of this nature which are warrants, certificates, bonds, interest bearing indebtedness or other instruments which did not circulate.

Perhaps you do not agree. If not, the question is where to put the cut-off. Keep up your enthusiasm for the subject.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN:jah

1261 Savoy Street
San Diego, California 92107
June 1, 1973

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letter of May 15th. I appreciate your comments and suggestions. May I inquire as to the nature of the Colonial Newsletter that you referred to? I am not acquainted with this publication.

I should like to take this opportunity to ask you about another of the notes in my collection. It is one of the

MS/05/05/80-~~\$4~~-Unc

where I am using your suggested coding. A photocopy of the note is attached. The area of each signature contains a light blot of red ink. The upper signature appears to be that same shade of red, although more bold, and the lower signature is in a dark brown ink. I have seen several notes of different denominations in this issue with this same feature. Are you acquainted with it? Oh yes, further, the number on the note appears to be written in the same red ink, though more bold like the upper signature.

Since my last letter to you, I have been in contact with two other persons in Southern California who apparently share my interest in this early currency. I talked by telephone with a Mr. Herb Bergen of Fullerton and also a Mr. Maurice M. Gould of Tustin. It seemed probable that you were familiar with these persons.

*James Spiller
P.O. Box
4411
Humboldt
Ala
35802*

*Ink
Smear
Cancellation*

*Both
good friends*

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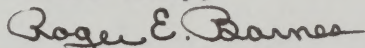
Finally, let me ask about an issue of

VA/05/06/76

that you detail on page 336 of your book, The Early Paper Money of America. I have a \$4 note that contains a signature of a Geo. Leaton, whose signature is also shown on the two notes used as illustrations on the above page. Yet, I do not find such a name listed in your description for signers of the issue. Perhaps, this was a simple oversight.

Thank you again for your attention. I trust that I do not impose, for it is truly a pleasure for me to correspond with you, who share this interest.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger E. Barnes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Roger E. Barnes

FOUR DOLLARS

State of Massachusetts-Bay

No. 5295 Four Dollars.

THE Possessor of this BILL shall be paid *Four* *Spanish* milled DOLLARS by the Third, first Day of *December*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six, with Interest in LIKE MONEY, at the Rate of Five per Centum per Annum, by the State of MASSACHUSETTS-BAY, according to an Act of the Legislature of the said State, of the Fifth Day of May, 1780.

Interest. s. d. q.

Annually, 1 2 2

Monthly, 0 1 1

A. Cranck
Shoemaker

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 5, 1973

Mr. Roger E. Barnes
1261 Savoy Street
San Diego, California 92107

Dear Mr. Barnes:

The Colonial Newsletter can be ordered from James Spillman, P. O. Box 4411, Huntsville, Alabama. I suggest that you send him \$3.00 to \$5.00 and ask for a few past numbers and issues into the future. It principally covers colonial coins but you might mention the paper money thought.

Your interesting comment about red ink smears leads me to believe that these are cancellations of the signatures because the notes were not issued. I was familiar with the smears but never thought about it.

Herb Bergen and Maurice Gould are both good friends of mine and fine numismatists.

As to your catching one of my many errors in my book please keep up that work. Someone beat you to it on that error. The quantity of information assembled was so enormous that rechecking at each stage of development was almost impossible. There were so many transcription and typesetting errors that the book almost never came out.

It is always a pleasure to hear from those interested in the subject matter.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN:jah

Roger E. Barnes

August 14, 2000

Dear Mr. Barnes:

I finally was able to work on the items in your July 17, 2000 letter.

You are correct about the Connecticut 3/01/80 typo of 1s6d instead of 2s6d.

Thank you for catching it. One never is able to catch all of these lapses with modern checking equipment.

As to the September 26, 1778 Continental Currency \$50 in your collection I am enclosing photocopies of one genuine and 5 counterfeits in my collection. Perhaps you can improve my descriptions of the counterfeits and clear up the status of yours.

I am sure you saw the recent article about Continental signers in The Numismatist. Good luck on your work. I will be glad to use any new data you develop if you find new names or important new categories and if my publisher and I find it numismatically important and not just genealogical and if there is a fifth edition.

Good luck on your collection. Used notes have always been more realistic to me as well.

Thrive,

Eric P. Newman

11183 Rotella Court
San Diego, California 92128
December 21, 2002

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

It was with pleasure that I exchanged letters with you back in 2000. Since then I have modestly added some interesting colonial and Continental currency notes to my small collection. But also ongoing has been my research and documentation of the signatories of those notes.

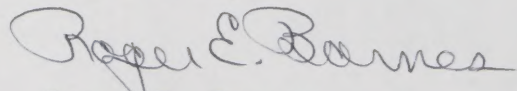
I believe that it is in a useful form now, but am unsure as to its manner of public release. At the most recent Long Beach show, I shared my rough draft with Tom Denly, Len Glazer, Judy Kagin, Ed Rothberg, and a Krause Publications representative. And I have had several conversations here with Dana Linett. All were pleased and excited to see such a product, agreeing that it might serve as a catalyst for increased collector interest, perhaps even outside of the numismatic field and into genealogical and historical realms.

Realizing myself that this project was not done for any/much financial remuneration, I nonetheless want to get it out. My conferees gave several publishing alternatives. But it is my sense that it would be better to have it included in some publication effort of yourself.

Enclosed please find copies of the first several pages of the draft booklet.

I would be delighted to hear of your suggestions, and even moreso of your interest in its inclusion in some planned, future work. Thank you very much in advance.

Yours truly,


Roger E. Barnes

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12/21/02

EARLY PAPER MONEY OF AMERICA
PROMINENT SIGNATORY
QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Compiled by
Roger Elkins Barnes

Preface

Represented in this compilation are the persons of colonial, provincial, state, and/or national stature who signed early paper money of America, as identified by Eric P. Newman in the 4th (1997) edition of his book, The Early Paper Money of America. The information is presented in three columns, to wit: full name (not necessarily that as signed, occasionally with spelling variations), notoriety in an abbreviated code (explained below with the exception of some that are clearly understood), and the currency that Newman reports were signed by that person. Some abbreviations are as follows:

AC	Articles of Confederation (1778) signatory
CC()	Continental and/or Confederation Congress delegate (state representing) (1774- 1789)
CC()-Pr	President thereof
Cntrfeiter	Counterfeiter
DI	Declaration of Independence (1776) signatory
Dipl	Diplomat
Loyalist	Prominent Loyalist
RW	Revolutionary War notable
SAC	Stamp Act Congress (1765)
USC	United States Constitution (1787) signatory
USCon	United States Constitution convention member
USSCt	United States Supreme Court member
—C	State constitution signatory
—Con	State constitutional convention member
—ConCom	State constitutional convention drafting committee member
—Gov	Provincial, colonial, or state governor
—Jurist	Provincial, colonial, or state jurist
—Legis	Provincial, colonial, or state legislator
—Treas	Provincial, colonial, state, or national treasurer

Plus others uniquely identified

There are several caveats: First, signatures themselves have not been examined to prove the connection between the note signatory and the person of notoriety. Second, every attempt has been made to distinguish between fathers and sons who bear the same name. Third, ongoing research will undoubtedly reveal still other signatories, not listed herein, that achieved some stature worthy of incorporation in this compilation.

Of course, more detailed biographies of each person can be found, often by simple research, and written for these persons. But, it is hoped that this quick reference guide will be of value to those who buy, sell, study, and collect this material.

REB
San Diego, California
6 September 2002

<u>Name</u>	<u>Notoriety</u>	<u>Note(s) Signed</u>
Adams, Andrew	AC/CC(CT)/ CTCon	CT/10/11/77
Allen, Eleazer	NCLegis/ NCJurist	NC/00/0034/5, NC/00/00/35, NC/04/04/48
Allen, Jr., William	Loyalist	PA/07/20/75
Alston, Willis	NCLegis	NC/04/01/76
Andrew, Benjamin	CC(GA)	GA/00/00/76OrGrSeal, GA/00/00/76Fract\$, GA/00/00/B1GrSeal, GA/00/00/76Gold, GA/00/00/76Undated, GA/00/00/77NoRes
Arnold, Jonathan	CC(RI)	RI/07/02/80
Ashe, John Baptista	CC(NC)/NCLegis	NC/05/10/80
Avery, Waightskill	DI(Mecklenbrg)	NC/05/10/80
Bache, Richard	PALegis/POGen	PA/06/01/80, PA/04/20/81
Bache, Theophylact	RW	NY/02/16/71
Bacot, Peter	SCLegis	SC/06/01/75, SC/00/00/87
Baldwin, Loammi	RW/MSJurist	MS/05/05/80
Barnes, Cornelius	(Surname)	CC/11/29/75, CC/02/17/76, CC/05/09/76, CC/07/22/76
Bayard, John B.	PALegis/CC(PA)	CC/05/10/75, CC/11/29/75
Bedford, Gunning (Emmery), Jr.	CC(DE)/USCon/ USC	CC/09/26/78
Bee, Thomas	CC(SC)/SCLegis	SC/00/00/50-69Written, SC/01/01/70, SC/04/10/74
Berwick, John	SCLegis	SC/06/01/75
Bingham, William	Dipl/CC(PA)/ PALegis	PA/06/18/64
Blair, John	USCon/USC/ USSCt/VALegis/ VAConCom	VA/04/07/62, VA/00/00/70, VA/07/11/71, VA/04/01/73, VA/03/04/73, VA/09/00/73
Borden, Joseph	SAC	NJ/06/09/80
Boudinot, Elias	CC(NJ)/ChPres/ USMintDir	NJ/12/16/90
Bowdoin, James	MSConPres/ MSConCom/ MSC/MSBnkPres	MSMerchNts/11/30/33, MSSilverBnk/08/01/40, MSBnk/07/05/84, et seq., MSBnk/12/2/84
Bowler, Metcalfe	SAC/Loyalist/ RILegis/ RIJurist/ Tory Spy	RI/03/01/66, RI/02/28/67, RI/05/03/75, RI/06/16/75, RI/06/29/75, RI/11/06/75, RI/06/00/80, RI/07/02/80
Braxton, George	VALegis	VA/04/05/59, VA/05/24/60
Brearley, David	RW/USCon/USC/ NJJurist/ USJurist	NJ/06/09/80, NJ/01/09/81

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Mr. Roger E. Barnes
11183 Rotella Court
San Diego, CA 92128

December 30, 2002

Dear Mr. Barnes:

Your interesting letter of December 21, 2002 was a surprise and a stimulant.


If you think you have a publication problem you may wonder if I ever have any. About a year ago I asked Krause Publications when and if they intend to publish a 5th edition of Early Paper Money of America. Their business was soon sold and I have never had an answer. I have over 200 text changes for a new edition not including price changes. I should imagine the dealers you spoke with would certainly wish the price changes. I have never prepared the prices and feel inadequate to do so. Krause owns the book rights and I write for pleasure. It is up to Krause to make the decision as to publication.

I believe what you have written might be included in the revised book if that is what you wish. You would be given recognition for your work naturally. I might want to edit it to some extent to work it in.

Anything you or anyone wishes to do to get Krause to think about a 5th edition so as to include your work ought not to cause any problem.

Thanks for writing me about your accomplishment.

Thrive,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'E. Newman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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